

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for handling content off-loading from documents in a document processing system to a repository, comprising the steps of:

storing a copy of an original document from the document processing system in the repository; and

stripping content from the original document in the document processing system to form a stub document, the stub containing at least information to enable automatic retrieval of the stored document from the repository when the stub document is selected by a user; and

maintaining the stub document in the document processing system.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, wherein ~~said stripping step does not strip~~ the stub document includes descriptive parts of the original document so that the stub document can be identified by a the user in the document processing system.

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3. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein the stub document contains a link to the stored document in the repository.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

retrieving the stored document from the repository when a user attempts to open the stub document; and

re-inserting the stripped inserting content into the stub document from the stored document to restore the original document.

5. (Original) A method according to Claim 1, wherein said stripping step preserves a unique document identifier in the stub document to keep a link to the stored document valid.

6. (Currently Amended) In a computing environment, a system for handling content off-loading from documents in a document processing system to a repository, said system comprising:

means for copying an original document from the document processing system to the repository;

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means for deleting content from the original document in the document processing system to create a stub document in the document processing system, the stub document containing information to enable automatic retrieval of the copied document from the repository upon selection of the stub document by a user; and

maintaining the stub document in the document processing system.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for handling content off-loading according to Claim 6, further comprising:

means for retrieving the copied document using the information in the stub document when a the user selects to open the stub document; and

means for re-inserting ~~the deleted~~ inserting content into the stub document from the retrieved document to restore the original document.

8. (Currently Amended) Computer-readable code for execution in a data processing system for handling content off-loading from documents in a document processing system to a repository, said code comprising:

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first subprocesses for storing a copy of an original document from the document processing system in the repository;

second subprocesses for stripping content from the original document in the document processing system to form a stub document, the stub containing information to enable retrieval of the stored document from the repository and to identify the stub document to a user;

third ~~subprocesses~~ subprocesses for retrieving the stored document from the repository upon a request to open the original document; and

fourth subprocesses for recreating the original document in the document processing system utilizing the stub document and the retrieved document.

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